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SUBJ: FRONTIER PATROL EQUIPMENT

1. ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO, RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATROL, ETC OF THE BORDERS WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE NATIONAL POLICE TO THE KUWAIT ARMED FORCES. IN ADDITION TO CONVENTIONAL MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS, THE PROBLEM WHICH NEEDS TO BE SOLVED IS ONE OF SMUGGLING, PRIMARILY ON THE NORTHERN BORDER (UNDEMARCATED) WITH IRAQ.

2. THE TERRAIN IS OPEN FLAT DESERT WHICH PERMITS HIGH SPEED (50-60 MPH) TRAVEL OFF PREPARED ROADS FOR SOMEONE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA. SMUGGLERS CROSS THE BORDER AT NIGHT ALMOST ANYWHERE ON A BROAD FRONT AND ARE LITERALLY ABLE TO OUTRUN THE POLICE/ARMY PATROLS. ALSO, THE SMUGGLERS ARE NOT AVERSE TO USING FIREARMS WHEN CONVENIENT.

3. THE KUWAIT ARMY IS LOOKING FOR A HIGH SPEED OFF ROAD VEHICLE CAPABLE OF CATCHING THE SMUGGLERS. THEY HAVE INFORMALLY PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING QUOTE GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE USE OF FRONTIER FORCE PATROLLING CAR:

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1. SPEEDING CAR 120 KM

2. OPEN BACK STOUT (ARMOR PROTECTIVE)
 3. EQUIPPED WITH BALOON TYRES (WIDE TYPE)
 4. EQUIPPED WITH COIL SPRINGS
 5. EQUIPPED WITH TRIPOD FOR MG OR FN RIFLE
 6. SLIDING ROOF ON THE PASSENGER SIDE
 7. EQUIPPED WITH A BASE FOR WIRELESS SET
 8. EQUIPPED WITH EXTRA TANK FOR FUEL AND ONE FOR WATER
 9. EQUIPPED WITH A FIRST AID BOX FOR HUMAN BEING
 10. EQUIPPED WITH MECHANICAL TOOLS
 11. EQUIPPED WITH A WINCH FOR TOWING
 12. EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRICAL SOCKET FOR COOKING
 13. EQUIPPED WITH SPOT LIGHT
- END QUOTE.

4. WE ARE GENERALLY AWARE THAT THE US ARMY HAS BEEN TESTING SEVERAL VEHICLES OF THIS GENERAL NATURE, TWO OF WHICH ARE THE XR-311 AND THE QUOTE TWISTER UNQUOTE AND THAT FILMS ARE AVAILABLE OF THE TESTS OF THESE TWO. THE KUWAITIS HAVE RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION SHEETS SUPPLIED BY FOOD MACHINERY CORP ON THE XR-311.

5. REQUEST TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, PHOTOGRAPHS AND TEST FILMS, IF AVAILABLE, ON THESE TWO VEHICLES PLUS ANY OTHERS DA MAY RECOMMEND.

6. UPON REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM IT IS OUR OPINION THAT AN ARMED HELICOPTER WITH NIGHT VISION, LOW LIGHT LEVEL OR PASSIVE IR VIEWING EQUIPMENT MAY BE A BETTER APPROACH. WE ARE GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE QUOTE NIGHT HAWK UNQUOTE (A UH-1H WITH A XENON SEARCHLIGHT AND NOD) WIDELY USED BY THE 9TH AND 25TH DIVISIONS IN VIETNAM. REQUEST TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS, ETC OF THE NIGHT HAWK AND/OR ANY FOLLOW-ON IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS THE INFANT SYSTEM.

7. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF SURFACE EFFECT OF HOVERCRAFT IS LIMITED, HOWEVER THE TERRAIN APPEARS SUITABLE FOR THEIR USE. SHOULD WE HAVE ANYTHING CONSIDERED SUITABLE, INFORMATION ON THESE ALSO WOULD BE HELPFUL.

8. THERE APPEARS TO BE HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN SOLVING THIS
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